PURCHASE ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service

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USDA TURKEY AND TURKEY PRODUCTS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase turkey and turkey products for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2011 for young turkeys in one or more of the following forms:

<u>Deli-Style Turkey Breasts (100121)</u> - Frozen fully cooked deli-style turkey breasts, produced from non-basted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli-style turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and packed with four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli-style turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

<u>Deli-Style Smoked Turkey Breasts (100122)</u> - Frozen fully cooked deli-style smoked turkey breasts, produced from non-basted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli-style smoked turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and be packed with four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli-style smoked turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Consumer Pack (100123) - Consumer packaged, frozen young turkeys without necks and giblets, basting optional. Turkeys must weigh not less than 12 pounds (5.44 kg) and not more than 22 pounds (9.98 kg) per carcass weighed without necks and giblets. Turkeys must be packed with not more than four turkeys weighing up to 14 pounds (6.35 kg) per container or not more than two turkeys weighing over 14 pounds (6.35 kg) per container. The difference between individual carcass weights per container must be no more than 2 pounds (0.91 kg). The 2-pound (0.91 kg) increments must be: 12-14, 14-16, 16-18, 18-20, or 20-22 pounds. (Metric equivalency of increments: 5.44-6.35, 6.35-7.26, 7.26-8.16, 8.16-9.07, and 9.07-9.98 kg). A purchase unit will total 38,000 pounds (17,237 kg).

Bulk Pack (100124) - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled young turkeys without necks and giblets, non-basted. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The individual turkey weight range must be 18 pounds (8.16 kg) and higher per carcass weighed without neck and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required herein. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Roasts (100125) - Frozen ready-to-cook turkey roasts must weigh not less than 8 pounds (3.63 kg) and not more than 12 pounds (5.44 kg). Roasts must be packaged in elasticized netting and moisture-proof casings or plastic-film bags and packed four roasts per fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Smoked Turkey Ham (100126) - Frozen fully cooked smoked turkey hams produced from non-basted, young ready-to-cook turkey thigh meat. Four approximately 10-pound (4.54 kg) hams must be vacuum packaged in shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bags or casings, and be packed four hams per fiberboard shipping container to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.14 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

<u>Bulk Pack Boneless Skinless Turkey Thighs (100883)</u> - Bulk packed for further processing, chilled boneless skinless turkey thighs produced from ready-to-cook young turkeys (AMS 70.202). Frozen may be specified in the Solicitation/Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in this Specification. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) website at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=WBSCM. Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be considered nonresponsive.

A Solicitation will be issued in the near future for deliveries from August 1 through August 15, 2011. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Solicitation. Subsequent Solicitations will be issued on a regular basis. A separate announcement was issued for bulk items that are "NO TOLERANCE."

There are some important changes to this year's program as Commodity Specifications were reviewed and revised and with the implementation of WBSCM. The Specifications for commodity products have been revised to include the requirement that shipping containers bear nutrition facts, ingredients, and allergen statements to comply with the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act (FALCPA). New UPC codes have been assigned to the different commodities as well. Offerors are urged to carefully review these new labeling requirements. Also, implementation of WBSCM brings about new terminology and procedures for bidding on Solicitations, shipment and delivery, and invoicing, which have been included in the revised Specifications.

Under the food defense requirements, all non-conformances listed in the audit report must be addressed in writing to the Contracting Officer and Auditor within 14 calendar days of the audit. If the auditor receives an unacceptable corrective action response, the company will have an additional 7 days to respond to the non-conformance. Plans must have been audited on or after March 1, 2011.

With the implementation of WBSCM, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of the AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements dated April 2011; Qualification Requirements for Prospective Contractors Selling Commodities to USDA dated March 2011; Commodity Specification for Turkey and Turkey Products dated May 2011; Commodity Specification for Deli Style Turkey Breast and Deli Style Turkey Breast, as amended, May 2011;

Commodity Specification for Turkey Hams dated May 2011; Commodity Specification for Boneless Turkey Thighs dated June 2011; and the entire Solicitation.

The consumer pack turkeys and roasts are for preparation and consumption in the present form by recipients. The deli-style and smoked deli-style turkey breasts and turkey hams are to be heated and served by the recipients, as they are a cooked product. Bulk pack turkey and thighs will be purchased for delivery to a processor and are for conversion to further-processed products in accordance with purchase orders with recipients.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-4517 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS Commodity Procurement Division; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3932-S, Mail Stop 0256; Washington, DC 20250-0256. An electronic version of this Purchase Announcement can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: http://www.ams.usda.gov/commoditypurchasing.

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